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Meeting in Clearwater
March 1, 1962

PRESENT: Reverend Mr. Robert E. Coleman, Jr., Chairman; Mrs. Gus Sakkis, Secretary; Mrs. Baya Harrison; Mrs. H. W. Holland; County Commissioner John W. Bonsey; and Superintendent of Public Instruction Floyd T. Christian. Also present: Dr. George H. Finck, Director; and Mrs. Harriet Baeza, Coordinator, Visiting Teacher Services, Pinellas County Schools.

The minutes of the February 1st meeting were approved as distributed.

MOTION Approval of Checks

Mr. Christian moved, and Commissioner Bonsey seconded a motion which carried, to approve the checks as listed: checks #8222 through #8360 dated February 28; checks #8261 through #8263 dated March 1, 1962; and withdrawal of $5.00 from the Trust Fund savings account.

The financial reports for the month of January were reviewed by the Board, and were filed as approved.

The Board also reviewed the report of children in foster care for the month of January. Dr. Finck explained the circumstances of Diane Pilcher who needed the sum of $10.00 in order to attend the State D.C.T. meeting in Clearwater.

MOTION Payment from Trust Funds

Mr. Christian moved, and Mrs. Sakkis seconded a motion which carried, to approve the payment of $10.00 from Trust Funds to the State Department of Public Welfare, in behalf of Diane Pilcher.

MOTION Payment of Expenses for Dr. Finck

Mrs. Harrison moved, and Mrs. Holland seconded a motion which carried, to approve Dr. Finck's expenses at the meeting of the Florida Cooperating Council, Tallahassee, March 2nd and 3rd, 1962.

Dr. Finck reported on the visit of Mr. Lincoln Daniels, Chief, Community Services Branch, Division of Juvenile Delinquency Services, United States Children's Bureau. Mr. Daniels spent February 27th and 28th in Pinellas County. He met with a group of administrators from the Pinellas County schools to discuss the possibility of federal research funds for a study of drop-outs from the schools. He also attended a meeting of social agencies called to discuss plans for a rehabilitation or diagnostic study center for children. Dr. Finck described the events which had led up to the consideration of this facility. Other members of the Board contributed their knowledge of the situation. It was decided to invite a representative of the Northside Optimist Club, Mr. Jagger the Public Defender, and Sheriff Genung to attend the Juvenile Welfare Board meeting on April 5 in order to discuss further the plans for this facility.

Dr. Finck reported on his attendance at the conference on urban youth problems in New York City on February 5th and 6th. It was pointed out that the unemployment of youth is a serious problem in this country and, because of the rise in the birth rate immediately after the war, the problem is going to become more serious. It was also stressed that because of the distribution of population in Pinellas County, we would have proportionately more young people entering the employment market than would be true for other parts of the country.

Mrs. Harriet Baeza, Coordinator, Visiting Teacher Services, discussed the schools' program that is designed to help with the emotional and social problems of children...
Since this program was started on a demonstration basis by the Juvenile Welfare Board, the account of the present growth and development of this service was of great interest.

The activities reports for the month of February were reviewed by the Board.

Since there was no further business the meeting was adjourned. The next meeting of the Juvenile Welfare Board will be Thursday, April 5, 1962.

Marie Sakkis
Secretary